

COUNTRY East Germany 25X1 REPORT NO.                     

TOPIC Viet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 19 April 1953

DATE OBTAINED: 25X1 DATE PREPARED 27 April 1953

REFERENCES                     

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1. Between 11 and 17 April 1953, the following empty railroad cars                      were to be made available:

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<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>
188 flatcars	Halle
150 flatcars	Erfurt
55 flatcars	Bernau
18 flatcars	Cottbus
65 converted boxcars	Bernau
20 heavy-duty flatcars	Brandenburg
10 heavy-duty flatcars	Satzkorn
7 heavy-duty flatcars	Fuerstenwalde

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2. The following KVP trains were observed on 8 and 12 April:

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
8	4 coaches, 38 boxcars and 24 flatcars with VP personnel, artillery pieces and trucks	Sternbuchholz	Eggesin
	1 coach, 32 boxcars and 8 flatcars with VP personnel, artillery pieces and trucks	Rostock	Eggesin
	6 coaches, 17 boxcars and 21 flatcars with VP personnel, artillery pieces and trucks	Rostock	Eggesin

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
12	78 axles with VP personnel and equipment	Sternbuchholz	Eggesin

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3. KVP trains identified from railroad records between 9 and 14 April included:

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	33 boxcars and 6 flatcars	Kirchmoeser	Greifswald railroad district
13	11 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 20 flatcars	undetermined	Magdeburg railroad district
14	27 cars	Halle railroad district	Prennitz

4. The following troop trains passed through the Muellrose railroad station toward Cottbus between 15 and 19 April:

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>
15	21 cars with military personnel and trucks  4 boxcars and 10 flatcars with tanks  23 boxcars and 28 flatcars with artillery pieces and trucks
16	30 cars with trucks  6 boxcars and 14 flatcars with trucks and tanks
17	15 boxcars and 25 flatcars with trucks

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<u>Date in</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>
17	<p>8 boxcars and 14 flatcars with tanks and trucks</p> <p>33 boxcars and 20 flatcars with trucks</p> <p>4 boxcars and 7 flatcars with tanks</p>
18	<p>23 boxcars and 33 flatcars with 10 artillery pieces and trucks</p> <p>13 boxcars and 35 flatcars with artillery pieces and trucks</p> <p>6 boxcars and 22 flatcars with tanks and trucks</p> <p>7 boxcars and 20 flatcars with trucks</p> <p>50 cars with artillery pieces and trucks</p>
19	<p>50 cars with artillery pieces and trucks</p> <p>50 cars with artillery pieces</p>

On 19 April, the loading of troops, artillery pieces and trucks was observed at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The train left toward Cottbus.<sup>4</sup>

25X1A  Comment. The assembling of empty railroad cars was probably ordered in conjunction with troop movements to the troop training grounds.

25X1A  Comment. The KVP trains to Eggesin probably carried elements of the AT artillery regiment of Armeegruppe Nord hitherto in winter quarters at Sternbuchholz, and the 3rd Mecz Regt of the Eggesin mechanized division previously stationed at Rostock.

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25X1A [ ] Comment. The KVP train from Kirchmoeser to the Greifswald  
25X1 railroad district probably carried elements of the artillery regiment  
of the Prenzlau division hitherto in winter quarters at Kirchmoeser.  
The troops moved to the Torgelow-Droegeheide area. The KVP trains  
25X1 [ ] both probably went from Gotha  
to Premnitz. [ ] Premnitz was to be occupied  
by KVP units from Gotha.

25X1A [ ] Comment. Most of the trains probably hauled components of the  
7th Gds Mecz Div from their posts to the Lieberose troop training  
grounds area.

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